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LOS ALTOS HILLS 2009 EMERGENCY RESPONSES

No. of Incidents
Type of Response

401

Emergency Medical Service

7

Structure Fire

5

Brush or Grass Fire

29

Other Fire

38

Smoke or Gas
Investigation

136

Alarm

8

Hazardous Materials

60

Service Request

When Disaster Strikes

The recent San Bruno gas line explosion that destroyed an entire neighborhood in a matter of hours serves as a cruel reminder of the importance of disaster planning and preparedness. The beauty and serenity of our idyllic community can lull residents into a false complacency about the risk of natural disaster that is ever present — the Town of Los Altos Hills sits astride numerous fault lines, and the risk of fire goes hand in hand with our rural environment. Recent examples of costly disasters include the Loma Prieta earthquake (October 1989) and the Liddicoat Lane fire (July 1985) that destroyed 10 homes and scorched 150 acres. [CONTINUED ON PAGE 2.]



On July 1, 1985, an arsonist set fire to a dry grass field along Arastradero Road. The fire reached a grove of eucalyptus trees that burst into flames quickly destroying 10 homes. Left: a barn is quickly consumed by flames. Above: a resident reviews the charred remnants of what was once his home on Liddicoat Lane.

Fortunately, there are a number of organizations committed to aiding our community in times of crisis. These include the Los Altos Hills County Fire District (LAHCFD), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and AlertSCC (see page 3).

Los Altos Hills County Fire District (LAHCFD)

LAHCFD — The Fire District pursues a two-pronged approach, dedicated to fire prevention and emergency preparedness on the one hand, and rapid response and rescue on the other. Town residents are strongly encouraged to visit the Los Altos Hills County Fire District website www.lahcfd.org and to make maximum use of the District's public classes for Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP) training, information, abatement, and other mitigation programs.

Neighborhood Emergency Network

The Neighborhood Emergency Network consists of the entire Town and the surrounding County neighborhoods. When combined, the two jurisdictions are referred to as "The District." The District is divided into 49 neighborhood groups. Ideally, each neighborhood group has a CERT trained team comprised of CERT trained and/or non-CERT trained residents and a CERT-trained Block Captain.

The advantages of having segmented neighborhood groups are: defines Neighborhood Team Concept; helps Block Captains organize and prioritize systematic search of neighborhoods; improves documentation; helps locate residents with special needs; helps CERT Supervi-



neighborhood checks. Additionally, a map shows where CERT members, Supervisors and ham operators reside within each neighborhood group.

In the event of a disaster (earthquake, wild fire, etc.), CERT members will conduct property checks (house to house) within their assigned blocks to assess injuries or damage and communicate that information to emergency personnel, and request assistance if necessary.

Due to the Town's hilly terrain and rural environment, CERT members will need resident's help to cover over 3,500 homes.

Disaster related information collected by neighborhood teams is transmitted to the Town's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), with the help of volunteer amateur radio operators.

In order to aid the first responders, the Fire District recently mailed signs to all residences to post on the front door, gate, or mailbox (shown at left) in the event of a disaster. The card can be affixed with adhesive tape. If no card is visible, a CERT member will attempt to contact the family to check on its status and request entry to provide assistance if necessary. Consider that during disasters, Town services may be sporadic or nonexistent — CERT team members may be the only lifelines available. As a result, residents should prepare a personal emergency response plan, so that each family has a clear idea of steps to take should disaster strike.

The Fire District provides Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP) training for residents through Mike Sanders at 650-922-1055.

To learn more about the Neighborhood Emergency Network Program and CERT, please contact Steve Garcia at 650-947-2508 or Sarah Gualtieri, Community Services Coordinator at 650-947-2518 or sgualtieri@losaltoshills.ca.gov.

sors and ham operators organize disaster response; prevents duplicate work; and is an effective recruitment tool.

Each of the neighborhood groups is assigned a number 1 through 49.

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Included in the supplies issued to each CERT and ham operator is a map of their neighborhood. In addition to the map, a list of every addressee located within their neighborhood is attached. The list provides columns for pre-disaster information that members and Block Captains could use to prioritize

TO LEARN MORE:
Contact Michael Sanders, Emergency Services Coordinator at 650-922-1055, email education@lahcfd.org or visit www.lahcfd.org.

FROM THE CITY MANAGER

THE IMPORTANCE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

As a disaster unfolds, information that is up-to-date and reliable will be in high demand. I learned this recently when I witnessed the massive gas fire that destroyed 38 homes in San Bruno. At first, no one knew what was happening, even as the fire was spreading. In such situations, an emergency mass notification system can be a critical tool to warn people within a targeted area affected by a potentially life-threatening public safety incident.

To receive emergency messages during a disaster, Santa Clara County is encouraging residents to sign up for AlertSCC, the County's emergency notification system. Significantly, only 81 people in Los Altos Hills have so far signed up for AlertSCC.

AlertSCC allows authorized emergency services personnel from your city and county to send messages simultaneously to phone numbers included in the 911 and 411 directory listings, and to every phone number, SMS address, and email address you designate:

- Voice messages reach your home phone and cell phone
- Text messages reach your cell phone and other text-capable wireless devices
- Messages reach your e-mail address
- Messages reach TTY receiving devices for the deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

Signing up at www.AlertSCC.com is one of the easiest steps residents can take to help prepare themselves and their loved ones from a disaster.

AlertSCC is a free, easy, and confidential way for anyone who lives or works in Santa Clara County to get emergency warnings sent directly to their cell phone, mobile device, email, or landline. AlertSCC can reach you wherever you are to provide information and instructions in a variety of emergency situations, which may include:

- Flooding, wildfires, earthquakes, and subsequent evacuations
- Public safety incidents, including crimes, that immediately affect your neighborhood
- Post-disaster information about shelters, transportation, or supplies

It only takes a minute. Sign up today and tell someone you care about! www.AlertSCC.com

Carl Cahill, City Manager

FROM THE PLANNING DIRECTOR

Electric Vehicle Charging Facility

According to the Air Resource Board, motor vehicles are one of the largest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions and account for 40% of California's air pollution. California's low-emission vehicle (LEV) regulations were developed to advance the state's clean air goals through improved emission reduction standards for automobiles. In response to this mandate, many car manufacturers are adding zero-emission vehicles (ZEV), including electric vehicles, to their lineups. ZEVs are just beginning to enter the marketplace, and are expected to be fully commercial by the end of this decade. If you are planning on purchasing an electric vehicle (EV) and installing an electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) charge station on your property, you should be aware of a number of important considerations:

Capacity. Once you've selected the type and model of the EVSE charge station, contact a licensed electrical contractor and PG&E to determine your house's electrical capacity. The installation contractor can determine whether the existing electrical service has adequate capacity for EV charging. Older homes may not have sufficient electrical capacity to support the added load, and you will have to upgrade the service panel. PG&E can also provide assistance if you have questions about the adequacy of your current electrical service.

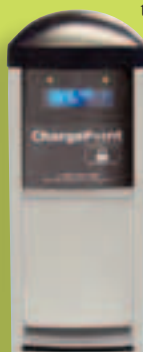
Location. Installing the EVSE in an enclosed garage offers convenience, safety, and security. If you choose this option, the EV charger should be placed where the cable will stretch the shortest distance where it does not block an entry or exit.

Alternatively, weatherproof charging equipment could be installed outdoors. If you opt for an outdoor EVSE the unit must not be located within the required property line setbacks.

Permits. An EVSE charging facility requires a building permit and must comply with all local, state, and national codes and regulations. A licensed electrical contractor should handle the project. You will need to submit a completed building permit application, a site plan showing the proposed location of the equipment (if it's an outdoor EVSE), the electrical panel schedule, and a permit fee of \$66.00. When the installation is complete, you should arrange for an inspection with the Town's building inspector for a final sign off.

If you have any questions or would like more information about EVSE permit requirements, please contact the Building Department at 650-947-2501.

Debbie Pedro, Planning Director





JAN MEYER

Los Altos resident, Jan Meyer will exhibit her art, "Rooms, Blooms" at Town Hall from April to September 2011. Meyer studied at the Parsons School of Design and earned a B.A. in art at San Jose State University. She is best known for her whimsical murals that appear on the walls and benches of downtown Los Altos, completed in the 1980s. Meyer has transitioned from painting murals to fine art. The repeating motif in her vibrant acrylic paintings is rooms. The public is invited to the opening of her art show at Town Hall on Sunday, April 17, 2011, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm.



LAURIE BARNA

Watercolorist Laurie Barna has painted the Statue of Liberty 102 times, all with different narratives. During a "Walk and Talk" at Town Hall on January 20, 2011 from 10:00 am to Noon, Barna will discuss her motivation, inspiration, and process for this series of patriotic paintings. Refreshments and coffee will be served. This exhibit that opened in September will end on March 31, 2011. For further information contact curator Karen Druker 650-941-8073 or 650-941-7222.



H THERAPY HORSE

The 4-H riding program for children with disabilities began in October 1978 at Westwind Barn. This remarkable all-volunteer program has been in operation year-round for 32 years. Riders range in age from 5 to 18.

Horseback riding is one of the few recreational activities that are truly physically therapeutic. It requires the involvement of the whole body and utilizes every muscle and joint. Our lessons offer a combination of sensory, cognitive, and emotional stimulation that facilitates mobility, socialization, and independence. The horse's rhythmic swinging movement challenges the rider's whole body to continually respond with natural movements. Tight muscles relax, lax

muscles are strengthened, coordination is improved, and circulation increased.

One parent whose child recently participated in the program wrote, "Ever since Colin started in the



program, we saw that right after each class he would walk straighter, taller, and stronger, with better coordination. He bonded with his horse and his

side-walkers, and always enjoyed the socialization aspect of the lesson. He always came away happy and feeling so good about himself."

Riding sessions during fall, winter, and spring are held on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. In the summer, riding classes are held on Monday evenings in July. Lessons include games and sometimes trail rides. Each child advances according to his or her ability. Riding sessions are 10 weeks long.

Westwind 4-H is operated through the Santa Clara County 4-H, which is part of the University of California Youth Development Program.

For more information, call 650-947-8680. Please view our website at www.westwind4h.org.

Nancy Couperus

Senior Health Education Seminar

Learn health tips from the nutrition and exercise specialists from El Camino Hospital. Participants will receive a free HealthPerks lifetime membership from the El Camino Women's Hospital. Space is limited.

Date: 1/28/11 (Friday)

Times: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers

Fee: Free

Reservations are preferred: Call 650-947-2506

NEW
CLASSES

Tai Chi – Wu Style Tai Chi Chuan with Mark Hindelang

Learn this Chinese system of 108 postures in a slow-motion sequence, taking the body through its full natural range of motion. Regular practice will reverse effects of stress and relax various body systems, improving mental concentration, calmness, flexibility, and overall health.

Dates: 1/5 – 2/23 (Wednesdays)

Times: 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Location: Town Hall Council Chambers

Fees: \$55 Resident / \$69 Non-Residents

Registration

To register, visit <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/parks-and-recreation/activity-guide> or contact Sarah Gualtieri, Community Services Coordinator, at sgualtieri@losaltoshills.ca.gov or 650-947-2518. Also visit: www.facebook.com/LosAltosHillsParksandRec

Youth Classes

This winter, the Parks & Recreation Department is offering the following classes for youths:

Spy Academy
12/20 – 12/22

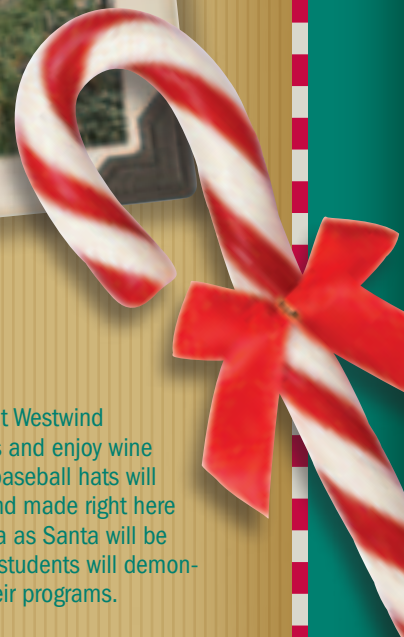
Giddy-Up! Riding Camp
12/20 – 12/23

"Fizz" – ical Phenomena & Che-Mystery Camp
12/27 – 12/29

Blue Angels Youth Ski & Snowboard Program
1/22 – 2/26

Yoga for Teens
2/17 – 4/7





Holiday Barn Lighting

Sunday, December 5, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Join the Los Altos Hills community for a special holiday celebration. Spend the afternoon in the fresh air at Westwind Community Barn (27210 Altamont Road) sampling cookies and hot cider. Purchase your \$10 wine glass and enjoy wine while kids participate in games, craft tables, face painting, pony rides, and a petting zoo. Los Altos Hills baseball hats will also be available for purchase and make a great holiday gift. These hats are organic, limited in production and made right here in the USA for \$25. Local student groups will perform traditional carols and holiday music. Bring your camera as Santa will be available for your last-minute holiday wish list and tasty candy cane treats. Pacific Ridge Pony Club and 4-H students will demonstrate horse grooming and horse management skills and answer questions on how you can participate in their programs.

Pathways Walk Before Barn Lighting

At 2:00 pm, the Los Altos Hills History Committee will have a Path and Road Dedication for both the Packard and Stegner Pathways. New signs have identified both of these paths. Pathways Committee Member, Nick Dunkel will lead a hike from the Westwind Barn through the Stegner and Packard Paths and back to Westwind. Cake and drinks will be served after the dedication. The Barn will light up at 4:00 pm, when Santa will ride off into the sunset in true Hills style! Make this holiday season memorable and bring the whole family for a day in the Hills they will not forget.

Caroling in the Hills

Sunday, December 12, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

All residents of Los Altos Hills and nearby communities are invited to participate in the Los Altos Hills Annual Holiday Caroling Event. Members of the Community Relations Committee will provide hot drinks and treats in the Parks and Recreation Building at 7:00 pm. Following a brief warm-up of voices and holiday spirit, the carolers will warm the hearts of local LAH residents following paths to many nearby homes for old time caroling. Adults, kids, families, seniors and members from surrounding communities are all welcome to attend this event. Feel free to invite your high school singing group, or scouting groups, clubs, etc to this event. Join with your neighbors in bringing fun holiday cheer to the neighborhoods. Carolers should wear warm clothes and bring a flashlight. In case of rain, we will simply sing holiday songs at Town Hall only. For more information, please contact Scott Vanderlip at 650-948-6455 or email scott@inet-sciences.com.



The Great Pumpkin

Perhaps if the Peanuts Gang waited for “The Great Pumpkin” in Los Altos Hills, they would not have been left forlorn and disappointed. Thanks to Vince Zunino, a longtime resident, the Town has been home to some of the largest pumpkins in the Bay Area.

Twelve years ago, one of Vince’s friends gave him a giant pumpkin seed, which he planted in his garden. His three young children, Amanda, Tony, and Olivia, were delighted when this seed grew into two gigantic 300-pound pumpkins, completely dominating the garden. A party was held to gather enough friends to move the twin orange gourds to the front porch.

Over the years, when the pumpkins grew too large for his porch, these orange giants were displayed by the road in front of his home. These pumpkins caught the attention of residents who were awed by their size and beauty.

And so it was a single seed that blossomed into Vince’s passion for pumpkins—shared by his children, friends, and neighbors alike.



growth (August/September). Part of the fun of growing pumpkins is naming them. Growers tend to become very emotionally attached to their orange children.

Since most giant pumpkins are off-color, shapeless blobs, Vince’s focus is breeding giant pumpkins with an awesome orange color and a nice shape. Gregor Mendel would be proud — careful cross-breeding of attractive pumpkins has paid off. The Zunino family has won the “Most Beautiful” prize at the Half Moon Bay Giant Pumpkin Weigh Off — three times in the last few years.

This year, Olivia won the “Most Beautiful Pumpkin” award with her stunning 300-pound pumpkin, “Goldilocks.” Vince’s pumpkin “Booh Bear” weighed 1,212 pounds and took 9th place at the weigh off.

Mark and Ronda Breier, and their three sons, Corey, Travis, and Riley, were inspired by Vince’s boundless enthusiasm for pumpkins a few years ago. “Overall, it’s a 6-month project that is likely to be both personally rewarding and crowd-pleasing. It takes a daily 10-minute morning visit and a 10-minute evening visit to control a vine that will spawn killer pumpkins,” says Mark. It pays to be attentive because

pumpkins and their vines are vulnerable to the elements in nature: wind, gophers, deer, and cucumber beetles.

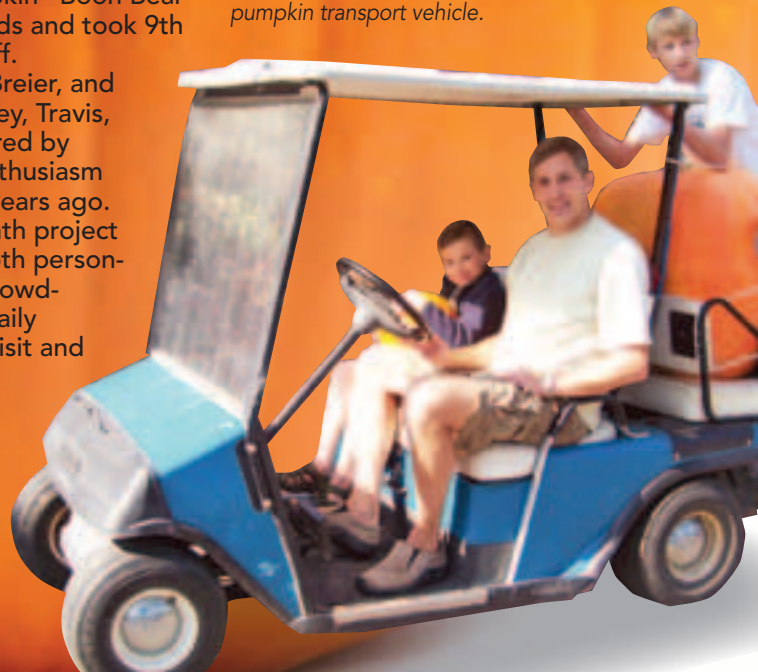
“There is also a lot of humor involved in growing these massive pumpkins,” he continues. “The chickens you get to provide nitrogen-rich manure also eat the very pumpkin leaves you seek to nurture. The several-hundred-pound specimen is both surreal and beautiful, but also is always moments away from being several hundred pounds of rotting gourd if a hole or soft spot develops. And you can’t possibly move it after you’ve grown it — you have to throw a party to get 10 people to come over and move it with special reinforced canvas moving tarps.”

The Breiers have had success in growing pumpkins weighing as much as 700 pounds. Part of their tradition has been tossing these orange giants into their swimming pool — surprisingly, they do float — adding a new dimension to summer recreation.

Far left: Olivia holds the Most Beautiful Award for her prize-winning pumpkin, “Goldilocks.” Above: Sivan Spector, Olivia Zunino, Emma Mason, and Michelle Carson pose with Mark’s pumpkin “Big Buddha.” Below: Mark Breier, Riley and Travis convert their golf cart into a pumpkin transport vehicle.



According to Vince, the recipe for a really big pumpkin is good seed, good soil, good weather, and dumb luck. A pumpkin grows to maturity in about 6 months and has 3 stages of growth: (1) soil preparation and super fast vine growth (May/June) in which the vine may grow one foot per day; (2) lots of pumpkin sets (July), and (3) incredible pumpkin





My Middle School EXPERIENCE

When considering middle school, I always imagined myself attending a big, traditional junior high with hallways, lots of teachers, and hundreds of students. However, now that I have settled in, I am content with my decision to attend a different version of the standard middle school — Bullis Middle School (BMS). BMS, currently in its inaugural year, offers a rich learning experience in a small class environment that allows for rewarding interactions between students and teachers.

Right now, I am participating in our first intercession, a three-week period between two trimesters where we spend two hours a day delving deeply into three subjects: sewing, cooking, and woodworking. Although intercessions may seem like a break from regular class, we are actually implementing skills developed

during the preceding trimester, so we not only obtain new abilities, but also clarify our comprehension of core concepts. I think our ability to apply these concepts can be credited to BMS's distinctive way of teaching them in the first place: much of our learning is done through hands-on projects, allowing us to get a true feel for the subject while expanding our creativity. The curriculum is also closely integrated throughout the subjects, allowing us to see the content from different angles. Similarly, BMS emphasizes a well-rounded education, including visual arts, drama, music, and foreign language.

Another of the remarkable characteristics of BMS is the opportunity for students to make their own decisions. All student-related decisions, such as creating the dress code or designing a class mission statement, are made as a group, allowing us the chance to greatly influence our school environment.



Top: Bullis Charter School's first seventh grade class and teachers (at left from top to bottom) Caroline Lucas, Lisa Stone and Stephanie Aman pose with Superintendent/Principal Wannay Hersey (middle); Above: Sonnet Phelps enjoying writing and sewing.

Although BMS departs from the typical public school model, I am really grateful to have my middle school experience enriched by enthusiastic teachers, professional specialists, and 19 other fabulous seventh graders.

Sonnet Phelps, 12 years old, is a seventh grader at Bullis Middle School.



Maintaining a neighborhood elementary school has proven to be difficult. It is especially frustrating since there are over 475 K-6 public school students living in Los Altos Hills, divided between two school districts. The last public elementary school in Los Altos Hills, Bullis-

Purissima, was closed in 2003 and was opened, after extensive renovations, as Gardner Bullis School in 2008. In the process of that reopening, an arrangement was made between Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) and the Los Altos School District (LASD) to simplify the transfer of PAUSD students to Gardner Bullis and to make the transfers last through the 5th or 6th grade, at the parents' choice. This year, 24 PAUSD students from Los Altos Hills attend Gardner Bullis School, a figure which has grown steadily over the past 3 academic years and included 9 new kindergartners this year from PAUSD.

PAUSD families are familiar with their standard public school matriculation from Nixon Elementary School to Terman Middle School and on to Gunn High School. Under a unique, joint arrangement between PAUSD and LASD, PAUSD families living in the Hills also have the option to receive multi-year transfers (good for up to 7 years) to Gardner Bullis Elementary School. Students return to PAUSD with the same priority as other PAUSD students entering Terman Middle School for the 6th grade—the same goes for

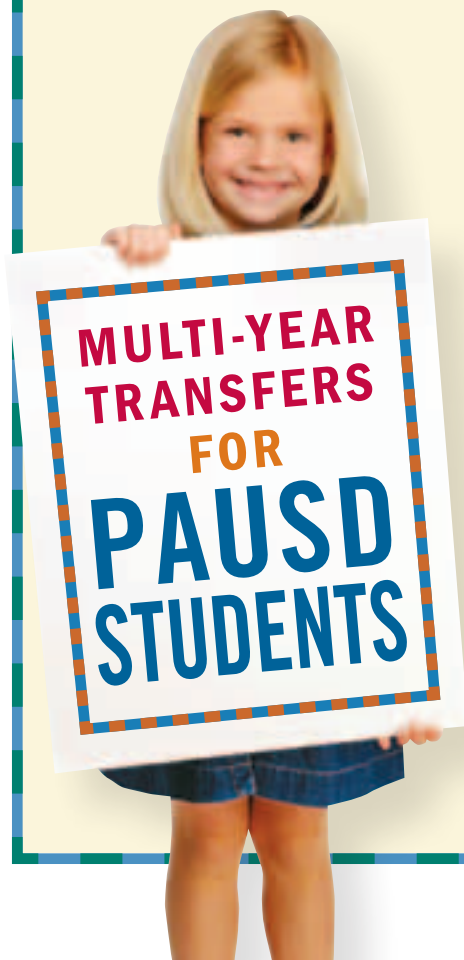
Nixon Elementary students and those from other PAUSD feeder schools.

The typical matriculation under this arrangement would be Gardner Bullis School to Terman Middle School to Gunn High School.

Gardner Bullis, a highly-rated elementary school, offers a full-day kindergarten program. The school, is conveniently located at 25890 Fremont Road, near Town Hall. To learn more about the school, visit www.gardnerbullis.org. For parents with students entering kindergarten, an information meeting will be held at Gardner Bullis in January 2011.

For an initial transfer request to Gardner Bullis, parents will need to submit an inter-district transfer (IDT) request alongside the LASD enrollment forms. This process is described at www.pausd.org/parents/registration/Transfers.shtml. FAQs regarding registration and transfers, which begin in January, can be found on the Town website: www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/city-government/standing-committees/education.

For questions regarding the PAUSD IDT process, contact Margie Mitchell, PAUSD Central Attendance Supervisor, at 650-329-3761 mmitchell@pausd.org. For questions regarding LASD enrollment or transfers contact Marcy Birnie, Executive Assistant to LASD Superintendent, at 650-947-1152 mbirnie@losaltos.k12.ca.us.



IN MEMORIAM Mary Davey

Former mayor and longtime environmentalist, Mary Davey, passed away on October 2, 2010. Mary was the current president of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board of Directors. She had been involved in the District's founding in 1972, and often stated that this was her favorite accomplishment.

"It's a forever kind of thing," she said of the District's acquisitions, now approaching 60,000 acres, in an interview with the Weekly in May 2007, when she was recognized with a "Lifetime of Achievement" award by the Avenidas senior organization.

Mary had social and environmental advocacy in her DNA. She was extremely helpful to the Los Altos Hills Open Space Committee, Committee for Green Foothills, and the Hills 2000—Friends of the Hills efforts and achievements.

Mary's Los Altos Hills accomplishments include:

- Being instrumental in helping create the corridor that linked Byrne Preserve to Hidden Villa, a condition imposed by Nature Conservancy, which allowed the Town of Los Altos Hills to buy back Byrne Preserve at a nominal price.
- Helping to create the first voluntary conservation easement in town—Lois Hogle's 11-acre Oak Meadow.

Mary was the first woman to be mayor of Los Altos Hills, in 1966. Her advocacy of fair housing caused her to be recalled from the Town Council in 1973.

In addition to her husband Jack, Mary is survived by Kit Davey and Tom Podoll of Redwood City; John P. Davey III & M.J. of Atherton; Curt Davey and Charlotte of Missoula, Mt.; and four grandchildren.

"I learned that humanity and people are basically built with the same good hopes and the same good aspirations. I honestly think we're all built with that goodness in us," she said in a 2007 interview.

Private memorial services were held at Hidden Villa in November followed by a public memorial at Hollbrook-Palmer Park in Atherton.





Happy Trails

Residents and their horses have always shared the Town's beautiful pathways. As a result of homebuilding and remodeling, certain types of driveways that cross a pathway pose a hazard. Horses wearing metal shoes can slip on surfaces that are too smooth.

Residents planning to install a new driveway across a pathway can work with paving contractors to be sure the end of the new driveway has a rough texture that allows horses to walk safely across.

To create texture on an existing driveway, local paving contractors suggest three alternatives:

1. Install a layer of rock or granite chips, re-oil the section, and compress the area with a roller.
2. Using a torch, heat the existing asphalt and create grooves in the softened tar with a rake.
3. Score the driveway surface with a grinder. This solution is best for cement driveways.

The cost for creating texture on a 4x15-foot section of pavement, whatever method is selected, can be about \$500.

To reduce the cost and to improve a larger section of the pathway, neighbors are encouraged to have a paving contractor work on several driveways at one time.

Ann Duwe, Member Pathways Committee

The Los Altos Hills History Committee has undertaken a project to determine origins of street names in Los Altos Hills. Some go back to the names of early settlers, others were chosen by land developers (in some cases using the names of their wives, children, or relatives) while others appear in a more whimsical vein.

"La Purisima Concepcion," the name of the rancho that Juana Briones purchased, evidently was given that name by the priests who ran Mission Santa Clara awarded it to an Indian named Gorgonio and his son who had worked for them. "Purisima concepcion" means "immaculate conception" or "virgin birth," an idea that was taken from the New Testament. Both names were given to roads in Los Altos Hills. At some point in history, Purissima Road acquired an extra "s."

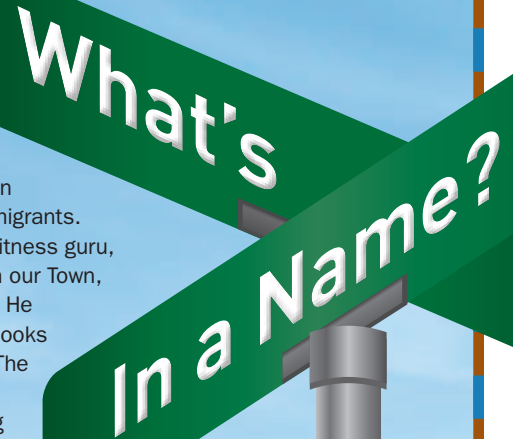
Another misspelled Spanish name is "Manuella Road," which acquired an extra "l." This road was named after one of Juana Briones's daughters, who grew up in her home that still exists and is near where Manuella Road meets Arastradero. Curiously, Manuela Road is spelled correctly where it runs through Palo Alto.

Ohlone Lane was named for the Indians who were living throughout the Bay Area and down through Monterey when the Spanish arrived. The name "Ohlone" was invented much later and is a misspelling of the name of a tribe that lived near the coast along San Gregorio Creek, called the "Ohones."

La Lanne Court, off Miranda Road, was named by Jack LaLanne, who was born in 1914 in San Francisco to French immigrants. He became a physical fitness guru, created a subdivision in our Town, and built a home there. He authored a number of books but is best known for "The Jack LaLanne Show." It was the longest running television exercise program, lasting 34 years. He is now 95 years old and living with his wife in Morro Bay, California.

Page Mill Road, Old Page Mill Road, and Old Page Mill Lane were named for a sawmill that was long ago located in what is now Portola State Park, on the other side of Skyline.

The History Committee is soliciting input from the community about street name origins and when confirmed will post on the Town website. Please send submissions to: kjost@losaltoshills.ca.gov.



What's
In a Name?



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CALENDAR

**Nov
28**

Sunday, 6:00 pm

Los Altos Festival of Lights Parade

The first Sunday after Thanksgiving the Town of Los Altos Hills will be sponsoring the Mother Goose float for the second year in a row! Visit www.losaltosparade.com or phone 650-947-2518.



**Dec
5**

Sunday, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Holiday Barn Lighting

Arts & Crafts, visit Santa in antique horse carriage, demonstrations by YPPR,

4-H and Pony Club, Live Music, Petting Zoo, Contact Sarah Gualtieri 650-947-2518

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Thurs, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Neutra House Speaker Series

"The Harvard Revolution;" Speaker Thomas Klope, noted landscape architect, will discuss Harvard's impact on Bay Area landscape design. Contact: 949-5908 ext. 207

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Sat., 6:30 – 9:30 pm
Holiday Tree Lighting and Movie Night

The Town and Los Altos Hills Families (LAHF) are joining together for this second annual event at Town Hall. Families will gather to light the heritage oak at Town Hall then separate into

young families and teens for a movie, for snacks, and eggnog. For more information visit www.lahfamily.com or phone 650-947-2518.

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Sunday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Holiday Caroling at Town Hall

Scott Vanderlip leads the Annual Holiday Caroling. Kids and adults meet at the Parks and Recreation Building for a brief rehearsal and then tour nearby neighborhoods. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Cookies and cider will be provided



after the event. Contact: Scott 650-948-6455

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Thurs., 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Neutra House Speaker Series

Dr. Karen McNeill, historian, discusses Julia Morgan's life & career. Contact: 949-5908 ext. 207

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Saturday, 9:00 am
Beginning Workshop: LEAD (Leadership Education Advancement) Program

Meetings are twice monthly from 7:00 - 9:00 pm on Wednesdays, January through May. Know your community better, meet healthcare, government, nonprofit, education and business leaders. Info. Los Altos Community Foundation website at: www.losaltoscf.org/LEAD or email: mdavis@losaltoscf.org.

Calendar events are also posted on Town's website: www.losaltoshills.ca.gov